

# INTERNET FILING OF

# **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAXES**

The purpose of this document is to provide a general overview of the registration/filing process for Internet filing of Maine unemployment contributions quarterly returns. It does not cover all situations/scenarios. If additional help is needed, please call the withholding unit at (207)626-8475, select option, then option 4.

To access the Maine Internet filing application for unemployment contributions tax a user will go to the Maine Revenue Services (MRS) internet home page at <a href="https://www.maine.gov/revenue">www.maine.gov/revenue</a>.

From the MRS homepage the user may access the filing application in one of two ways: scroll down to 'Popular Links', there is a bullet 'I file your return', which is followed by a set of parenthesis, the last item in the parenthesis is 'Payroll Taxes', click on this link.



Alternatively, click on 'Electronic Services' at the top of the homepage.





On the Electronic Services page scroll down to the section 'Payroll Taxes' and click on the link 'Internet file – Withholding or Unemployment Returns & Form W-3ME'

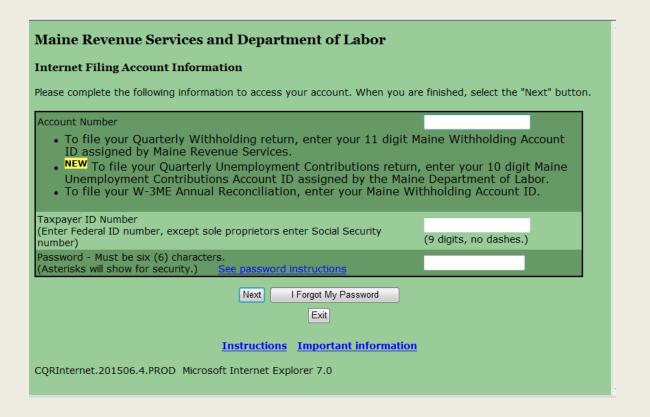


The Internet Filing of Unemployment Insurance Tax Instructions link will bring up detailed instructions on how to file Unemployment Contributions returns.

Once at the Internet return filing page, <a href="https://portal.maine.gov/cqr/">https://portal.maine.gov/cqr/</a>, it may be saved as a favorite or entered into a shortcut to increase ease of access.



After reading the information on the page, click on the 'Begin' button. This will bring up the login page.



- 1. In the first box enter the 10 digit Maine employer account ID assigned by the Maine Department of Labor.
- 2. In the second box, enter the FEIN, if the business has one. If the business is registered with MRS as a sole proprietor, then enter the SSN of the registered owner.
- 3. Enter your password in the third box. First time users must create a password. The password must be six characters, can be any combination of letters and/or numbers, and is case sensitive. Returning users will enter their already established password.

Click 'Next'.

New users will be presented with a Business Information page.

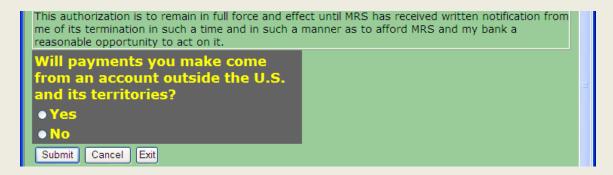
## Maine Revenue Services and Department of Labor **Business Information** Password \* Confirm Password (Six characters, numbers, or letters only) Company Information Company Name Street Address Line 1 Street Address Line 2 City State/ Province -Select-Zip Code **Owner Information** Company Name First Name Last Name Middle Initial **Contact Information** \* Contact Name \* Phone Number \* E-mail Address Preparer ID Responsible Individual Information Name Street Address Line 1 Street Address Line 2 State/ Province -Select-Zip Code Phone Number E-mail Address **AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)** This application will not accept financial institution banking information for an account located outside the U.S. and its territories. I, hereby authorize Maine Revenue Services, hereinafter called "MRS," to initiate debit entries to my Checking Savings Nine-digit routing number Bank account number This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until MRS has received written notification from me of its termination in such a time and in such a manner as to afford MRS and my bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it. Submit Cancel Exit \* Indicates a required field.

User will enter the required information by reentering/confirming the password, entering the contact name, phone number (10 digits, no dashes), e-mail address

(used to send password via 'I forgot my password' and to send filing reminders to those without a confirmed return 2 days prior to the filing deadline).

New filers will be required to register separately for Maine withholding and Maine unemployment. The password may be the same or different, and the Business Information page must be completed for both accounts.

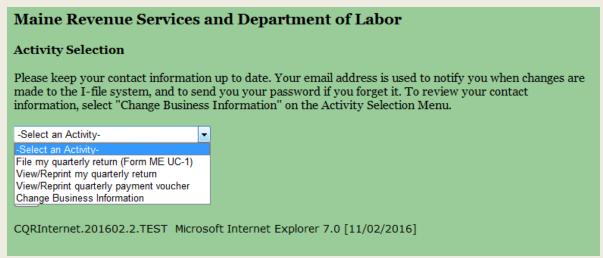
Banking information can be entered to facilitate electronic payment of your tax liability. Upon entering the bank routing number, a required question is presented and must have either 'Yes' or 'No' selected. This will only be presented on initial set up or when banking information is changed.



#### Click 'Submit'.

Activity Selection page is presented. The Activity Selection page provides access to all of the functions available within the I file application.

Click on the activity box down arrow.



Select the desired activity, and then click 'Next'. When selecting 'File my quarterly return' the filing period selection is presented.

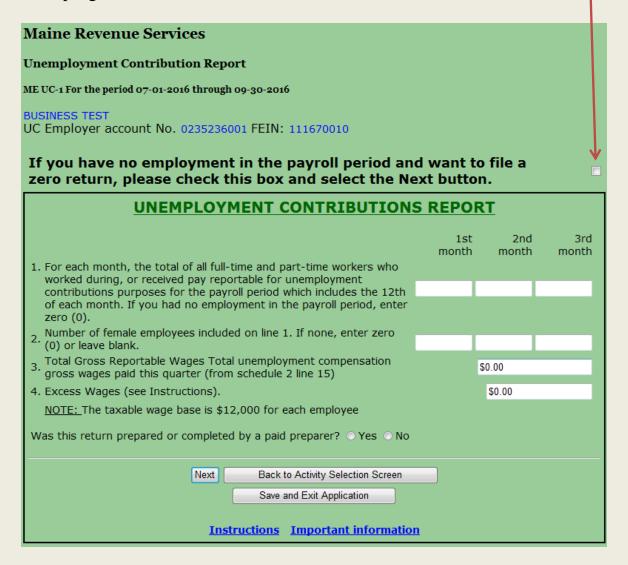


The application supports the filing of six calendar quarters; the four quarters of the current year, as well as the third and fourth quarter of the prior year. The filing period drop down list is updated February 1<sup>st</sup>, each year. Select the end date of the quarter for which you want to file, and click on 'Next'. This will present the correct return for the quarter selected.

## Maine Revenue Services **Unemployment Contribution Report** ME UC-1 For the period 07-01-2016 through 09-30-2016 **BUSINESS TEST** UC Employer account No. 0235236001 FEIN: 111670010 If you have no employment in the payroll period and want to file a zero return, please check this box and select the Next button. UNEMPLOYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT 2nd 1st 3rd month month month 1. For each month, the total of all full-time and part-time workers who worked during, or received pay reportable for unemployment contributions purposes for the payroll period which includes the 12th of each month. If you had no employment in the payroll period, enter zero (0). 2. Number of female employees included on line 1. If none, enter zero (0) or leave blank. 3. Total Gross Reportable Wages Total unemployment compensation gross wages paid this quarter (from schedule 2 line 15) \$0.00 4. Excess Wages (see Instructions). \$0.00 NOTE: The taxable wage base is \$12,000 for each employee Was this return prepared or completed by a paid preparer? ○ Yes ○ No Next Back to Activity Selection Screen Save and Exit Application

Instructions Important information

To file a zero return indicating no employee wages for the quarter, check the box at the top right of the form.



Otherwise, enter the return data. The user may notice some lines missing as compared to the paper form. This is because the I file application will do all math calculations based on the data entered and the UI rates for the period being filed, based on the rates on the MRS system.

Answer the question: Was this return prepared or completed by a paid preparer? Click 'Next'.

If 'Yes' is checked on the preparer question, enter the paid preparer information.

NOTE: The taxable wage base is \$12,000 for each employee	
Was this return prepared or completed by a paid preparer? ⊙Yes ⊙No	
Enter Paid Preparer EIN. (Numbers only)	≡
Check this box if the preparer is licensed to provide payroll services in Maine.	
Enter the preparer's Maine Payroll Processor License Number.	
Next Back to Activity Selection Screen	
Save and Exit Application	
<u>Instructions</u> <u>Important information</u>	

If 'No' is checked, or after entering the preparer info and clicking 'Next', the completed, calculated return is presented.



Verify the return is correct and click 'Next'.

The Wage detail page will be presented.

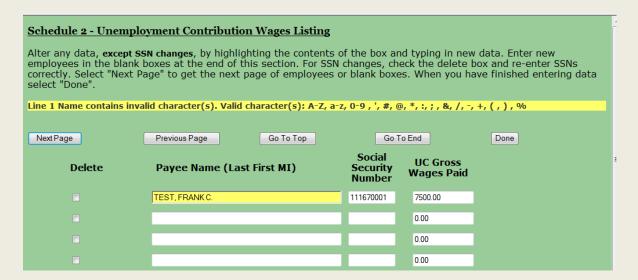
Wage Detail				
ou must include the wage detail information for all payees included in this report. The sum of each column on the detail pages must agree with the corresponding amounts entered in page one of the return.				
You may choose how you would like to enter this information. You cdata. Click here for more information and detailed instructions about				
How would you like to ente	er your wag	ge detail information?		
I will upload an Excel file containing my information. (Click Browse, then select the file you want to load.)		I will key all my payee detail now.		
Browse	OR	Enter Detail		
Upload File Now		Alphabetical Order   Numerical Order		
Save and Exit Application	E	Back To Activity Selection Screen		
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On this page you will have the option to enter employee information manually by keying it in, or a formatted Excel spreadsheet with employee data may be uploaded. Formatted spreadsheets along with spreadsheet instructions are available on the MRS Electronic Services page.

To enter employee information manually click on 'Enter Detail'. Schedule 2 will be presented.

Schedule 2 - Unemployment Contribution Wages Listing  Alter any data, except SSN changes, by highlighting the contents of the box and typing in new data. Enter new employees in the blank boxes at the end of this section. For SSN changes, check the delete box and re-enter SSNs correctly. Select "Next Page" to get the next page of employees or blank boxes. When you have finished entering data select "Done".					
Next Page	Previous Page Go To Top	Go To End		Done	
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First time users will enter the complete SSN without dashes/hyphens, the employee total gross wages for the quarter, and the employee name without any punctuation. Entering periods, commas or any other punctuation will cause an error message to be displayed. You cannot truncate the employee SSN. For returning users, the system will present the data for the employees that were listed on the last I-filed return. Make any additions or deletions needed for changes in employees.



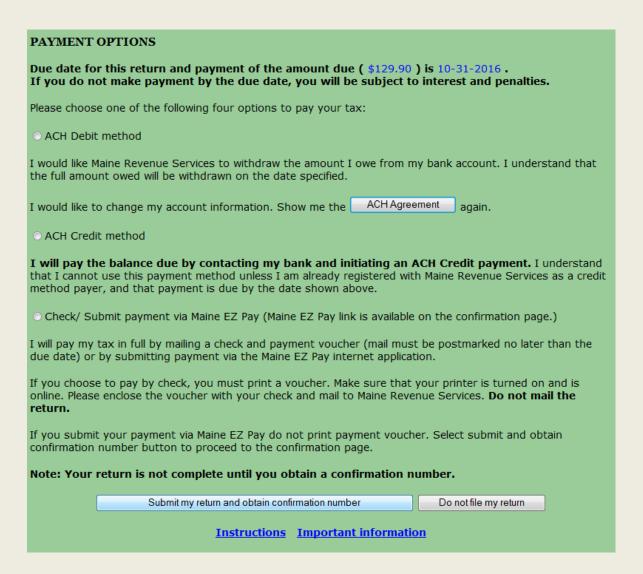
The application will validate that the total gross wages equal the amount entered on line 6 of the return and the total withheld amount equals the amount entered on line 1 of the return. When the totals do not equal, an error will be presented:



Once all errors are corrected, click 'Done' at either the top or bottom of the page. This will bring up a page displaying the completed return with a warning that the return is not filed until a confirmation number is received.



Verify all data on the return is complete. If there are errors, click 'Change my return' to go back to the first page and make changes to the return. If everything looks good, click 'Next'. This will bring up the payment options page:



To make a payment by ACH Debit, click the button next to 'ACH Debit method' to pay electronically. By selecting ACH Debit you are authorizing MRS to initiate a payment request to your bank for the amount shown on line 8 of the return.

Click 'Submit my return and obtain confirmation number'. If banking information was entered in the Business Information page, the Affirmation page will be presented. If not, the bank account information page is presented:

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)						
This application will not accept financial institution banking information for an account located outside the U.S. and its territories.						
I hereby authorize Maine Revenue Services, hereinafter called "MRS," to initiate debit entries to my:						
	Checking     Savings					
Nine-digit routing number						
Bank account number						
This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until MRS has received such a manner as to afford MRS and my bank a reasonable opportunity to a						
Submit and File My Return Cancel	Save and Exit Application					
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Once bank account information is entered, a security question is presented:

Maine Revenue Services and Depart	tment of Labor		
AUTHORIZAT	ION AGREEMENT FOR DI	RECT PAYMENTS	(ACH DERITS)
This application will not accept financial institu			•
I hereby authorize Maine Revenue Services, h	ereinafter called "MRS," to initia	te debit entries to my	<i>y</i> :
		<ul><li>Checking</li><li>Savings</li></ul>	
	Nine-digit routing number	111222333	
	Bank account number	12345	
This authorization is to remain in full force an such a manner as to afford MRS and my bank			om me of its termination in such a time and in
Will payments you make come foutside the U.S. and its territorion Yes  No			
Subm	it and File My Return Cancel	Save and Exit Ap	plication
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Maine Revenue Services and De	partment of Labor		
ACH DEBIT AFFIRMATION			
<b>Due date:</b> 04-30-2015			
Please delay my electronic payment.			
I authorize you to withdraw the amount due to	from my account on:	(mmddyy	уу)
By clicking the "Affirm" button below, you will	give permission to MRS to rem	ove \$50.00 from the	bank account specified in the ACH Agreement

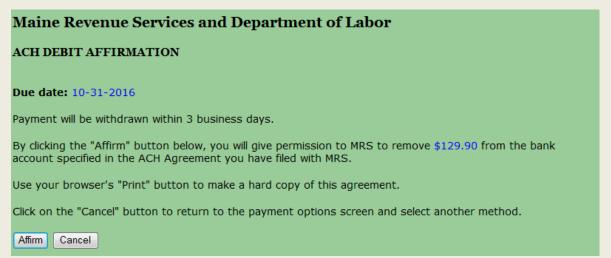
Enter the date for the payment to be debited from your bank account. If filing before the return due date the payment date can be any date from the present date to the return due date. If filing the return after the due date the payment date must be the current date.

Use your browser's "Print" button to make a hard copy of this agreement.

Affirm Cancel

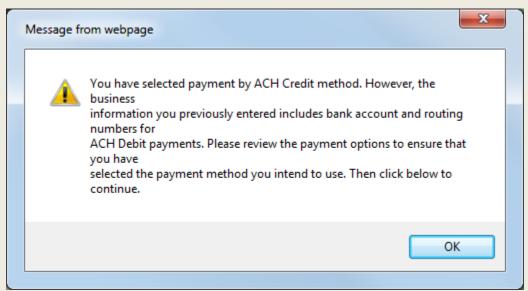
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Click on the "Cancel" button to return to the payment options screen and select another method.



Click on 'Affirm' to enter the payment. Click on 'Cancel' to return to the Payment Options page.

To make a payment by ACH Credit, click the button next to 'ACH Credit method' to pay electronically if you have previously registered with the MRS Electronic Funds Transfer Unit. By selecting the ACH Credit method you are indicating to MRS that you will go to your bank to initiate the sending of a payment to MRS. If banking information had previously been entered, a warning will be presented:



Click OK in the box, then click 'Submit my return and obtain confirmation number'. The Affirmation page will be presented:

### Maine Revenue Services and Department of Labor

#### **ACH Credit Affirmation**

Due date: 10-31-2016

ACH Credit method payment requires that you arrange for your institution to pay \$129.90 via Electronic Funds Transfer by the date above or immediately following the filing of a late return. Late payments are subject to interest and penalties.

If you are not currently registered with MRS as an ACH Credit method payer, please click the "Cancel" button below and select another method.



Click 'Affirm' to enter the payment. Click 'Cancel' to return to the Payment Options page.

To pay by check or Maine EZ Pay, click the button next to 'Check/ submit payment via Maine EZ Pay'. By selecting Check/EZ Pay the application will provide a payment voucher to be printed and included with payment if paying by check. If paying by Maine EZ Pay the user will log into the Maine EZ Pay application to initiate an ACH Debit payment. Disregard the payment voucher.

# YOUR RETURN HAS <u>NOT</u> BEEN FILED!







Maine Revenue
Services
Maine
Unemployment
Insurance
Internet Payment
Voucher
11/02/2016

Account Name BUSINESS TEST
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UC Employment 0235236001 Amount due: \$ 129.90

Federal EIN 111670010

**Period covered** 07-01-2016 - 09-30-2016

File on or Before 10-31-2016 Amount Remitted:

Make checks payable to **Treasurer, State of Maine** in U.S. funds and write your account number on your check.

Cut on dotted line,

Mail to:

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES INCOME TAX DIVISION PO BOX 9101 AUGUSTA ME 04332-9101

TO MAKE PAYMENT BY CHECK: Print this voucher using the print button on your browser, and mail the top portion with payment to the address above.

TO MAKE PAYMENT BY MAINE EZ PAY: If you submit your payment via Maine EZ Pay do not print payment voucher. Select Submit my return and obtain confirmation number button to proceed to the confirmation page. EZ Pay link is available on the Confirmation page.

You must select the "Submit my return and obtain confirmation number" button to complete the filing of your return.

Submit my return and obtain confirmation number

Return to payment option screen

Print the payment voucher, then click 'Submit my return and obtain confirmation number'.

The confirmation number screen is presented.



Click 'View completed return' to display/print the filed return. This return will have the confirmation number, date and time, and the payment method selected printed at the bottom of the return. Do not mail this copy to MRS, it is for your records.



Selecting 'File another return' will take you back to the log in page. Clicking 'Payment Voucher' will present the voucher to be printed. Clicking 'Print wage data' will present Schedule 2. The bottom of each page will display the MRS application being used along with your internet browser being utilized to file the return.